General Assembly Meeting Agenda

November 19th 2019 - 7:00pm
Commonwealth B — Squires Student Center
Roll Call Question: What are you going to do over Thanksgiving?

1. Call to Order
   a. Meeting called to order at 7:04 pm

2. Roll Call
   a. Quorum met
   c. Absent: Michael Byers, Caroline English, Anneliese McInnis, Daniel Moran, Henika Patel, Gurinder Singh, Lucas Tuosto, Peter Woods, Eric Zirkle

3. Adoption of Agenda
   a. Motion to adopt
   b. Motion passes

4. Reading of Minutes
   a. Motion to adopt
   b. Motion passes

5. Special Orders
6. Officer Reports
   a. Cabinet Report
      i. President – Adil Sageer
         1. Historian resigned
         2. Hokie effect meeting today
            a. 15,000 unsold shirts
            b. Please promote shirts
         3. Budget, exec officers have not met, will have update next week
         4. President’s committee on governance talk to Adil if you have ideas
      ii. Vice President – Blake Barnhill
          1. Cam resigned; Blake has taken hokie effect responsibly
          2. Should have basketball shirts ordered by Friday
          3. Will have social media campaigns and labeling events, sign ups will be soon
      iii. Chair – Sadie Faith Andersen
           1. 2 more meetings after break, talk to Sadie ASAP about town halls
           2. Made group chat for leg consideration form, talk to Sadie if interested
           3. SGA secret Santa after thanksgiving break
           4. There is a Relay for life group – sign up if you want
      iv. Secretary – Victoria Dashevsky
          1. Will make a tutorial for the printer both on paper and YouTube videos
          2. No office hours this Friday, talk to Sanskriti about concerns
          3. SBB gave money for new computer because ours is old and cannot properly connect to internet. Currently looking for new computer
      v. Treasurer – Alan Balnor
         1. Not here
      vi. Advisors – Scott Nachlis, Gabby Singh
         1. Committee on restructuring governance heard from many people about issues, this is a great way to get involved
2. Please don’t get sick

6. University Governance Commission/Committee Reports

a. Commission on Equal Opportunity and Diversity
   i. Renee burn – affirmative action – is not a quota, will be starting campaign focusing on veterans and persons with disabilities. Will start on Dec 1st. Will work on making affirmative action plans for 22 different departments.
   ii. Accessibility access group – working on finishing ADA architect
      1. Adding addition members
      2. Critical needs request

b. Energy and sustainability
   i. Update of recertification program
   ii. Green recycling program
      1. At every game
   iii. Green rnp program
   iv. 2018-2019 sustainability report, doesn’t have a gap analysis
   v. Energy sources at school – how to transition from coal
   vi. Touch on statement from President Sands about climate action committee

8. SGA Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs
   i. Meeting about SPOT surveys

B. Campus Development
   vii. Adding leg about adding bike rack
   viii. RFP submitted and more bike rack will be added- shout out to Sharan
   ix. Looking at tree initiative- trees with fruit

c. Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility
i. Town hall this Thurs 3:30 – 4:30 squires room 214
ii. Info graphic will be in slack

d. Student Health and Wellness
   i. Sign on top of Perry St. garage to discourage people from jumping
   ii. Working on legislation

9. Unfinished Business

a. Resolution in Support of Encouraging Virginia Tech to Take Action on Climate Change (15 min)

1. Discussion
   a. There wasn’t much discussion last week and we have to vote today
   b. Great job, this should be passed as GSA and faculty senate has passed it already
   c. Last week in Conrad’s bill it was brought up that people did not agree with everything
      i. Point of Order- not relevant
      ii. Its pertinent because not everyone agrees with this leg, please vote as your constituents would want you to
   d. Given turnout of climate strike and Divestment alone got 25,000 signatures, there is student support. Where is the legislation Polarizing?
   e. An over whelming majority of students and people at tech are in favor, since GSA and faculty senate have passed. Voting for constituents means voting for this leg
   f. There are some parts that people might not agree with, the past votes have been a majority not everyone
      i. 90% of GSA/ Faculty Senate voted yes to this
   g. What parts might people not agree with. Is environmental science major and Climate change is real.
   h. Climate action commitment will be rewritten, leg is encouraging this
   i. People had question about, section B (roadmap to 100% renewal energy)
      i. This is putting forth an ambitious goal to show it is being taken seriously, there will be negations with the school and most likely it will not happen by 2025. Leg is saying that climate change is real, and that school should take action
j. Vote as you believe constituents would want you to

k. Can we change appendix B?
   i. No, it was passed by faculty senate

l. You are saying that this plan will get negotiated in the future and it will most likely change, why are we putting forth support if it won’t happen
   i. we are not asking direct questions currently
   ii. legislation is just saying what is ideally wanted
   iii. Motion to vote
       1. Seconded

2. Voting on the legislation
   a. Motion passes

10. New Business

   a. Annual Election Code Review (15 min)
   b. Questions
      i. Wording in Section 15: responsibilities, why was “decidedly hurtful” chosen as the wording
         1. Intent vs. Impact
         2. Candidate info sessions will be Dec 4-6 in the evenings
   c. Discussion
      i. With spelling changes it seems much more professional now
      ii. Section 10, the “to” needs to be removed and he cannot do so
         1. This is 1st reading edits don’t need to be made

11. Announcements

   a. Dylan - proud of everyone
   b. Victoria – Please try to keep germs out of the office
   c. Natalie – game is general admission
12. Adjournment

   a. Motion to adjourn at 7:59 pm

   b. Motion passes